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2018 Sukkot The Feast of Tabernacles

As we move out of Yom Teruah which is the day of trumpets, and on through Yom Kippur, which is the day of atonement, we now find ourselves pushing onward towards Sukkot, the feast of Tabernacles.

But before we even begin talking about the feast of Sukkot (also known as the feast of Tabernacles), it's important that every modern-day Christian know and understand why it is that we should be keeping our fathers' appointments and not man's Festivals. And I would submit to you my friends that there is a huge difference between man's created festivals... and the appointments of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob for the Christian.

What most modern-day Christians don't understand is that our Messiah fulfilled his father's spring appointments the first time he came. And just like he fulfilled his father's spring appointments when he came the first time... He will also fulfill his father's fall appointments when he returns. **SHOW SPRING FEASTS PIC**



Yahshua
Our Passover lamb

1Co 5:7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our **Passover lamb**, has been sacrificed.



Yahshua
Our First Fruits

1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ **the firstfruits**, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.



Yahshua
The Law Made Flesh

Joh 1:14 And the **Word (logos = law)** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

As most of you already know our Messiah died on Passover day, not Good Friday. Just as they were sacrificing the Passover lambs at the temple for the Passover meal, our Messiah who was our Passover Lamb took his last breath upon the cross.

This is why we're told to cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump in first Corinthians chapter 5 verse seven. Leaven, which is also known as yeast, has always been depicted as a metaphor for sin in our Scriptures. So what the apostle Paul was telling the church at Corinth was to get rid of the old sin, because now that you have been baptized in both the water and the spirit, you truly are without sin because our Messiah... who was our Passover Lamb has once again made you sinless in the eyes of his Father because he willingly went to that cross and offered up his life as the last Passover Lamb that would ever be needed to atone for sin

Our Messiah was resurrected on first-fruits, not on some man-made pagan Easter Sunday morning. The idea of our Messiah being raised up on some man-made, man concocted, pagan Easter morning is nothing but a flat out lie my friends and you need to know that, and not only do you need to know it, but so do your children and your children's children.

Our Messiah was raised up on first fruits, which is the first day after the Sabbath, after the Passover. This is why Paul tells the church at Corinth that our Messiah is the first-fruits. He was the first fruit of the new harvest that was raised up to wave the sheave offering before his Father signaling the new harvest. And that harvest is you and I my friends, and all who have picked up their crosses, and are following him to this very day.

On Shavuot, also known as Pentecost, which the Jews celebrated long before we Christians began celebrating Pentecost... is the day that the Jews believe that Abraham brought down the law of God from mount Sinai. Pentecost falls on that exact same day that the law of God was brought down by the Ruach Hackodesh of Yahovah to write his laws in our hearts and in our minds, and to remove this stone-cold heart of man, and to replace it with a heart of flesh.

And there are whole teachings on each and every one of these fulfillments that we won't get into here today, but just as I have stated earlier, our Messiah did indeed fulfill the first four spring feast days during his first coming. He was, and is our Passover Lamb, who went into the grave unleavened, and without sin, and who was raised up on first fruits to signal as our new high priest in the order of Melkesedek... the incoming new harvest.

And it was because of his accomplishment at the cross, when our Messiah defeated sin and bruised the head of the serpent, that our Father in heaven allowed his Ruach Hackodesh to be sent down to earth to dwell within the hearts and minds of men. Once again delivering his laws and his commandments not on parchment or written on scrolls... but to be written on the hearts of men.

There is so much to know and to understand that I daresay that we could never fit it all into one

Sabbath morning, but for those of us who have read the book from the beginning to the end instead of reading it from the middle to the end (as so many modern-day professing Christians do)... We not only know the truth of Scripture, but we understand the truth of Scripture. And just as I have said so many different times... there is a stark difference between reading our Scripture, and studying our Scripture. There is a stark difference between following the wisdom of men, and praying for the wisdom of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

For us, there is no doubt in our minds that our Messiah will indeed return during these fall feast days.

SHOE DAY OF TRUMPESTS PIC 2



Yahshua Returns The Day of Trumpets

Mat 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and **the moon will not give its light**, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

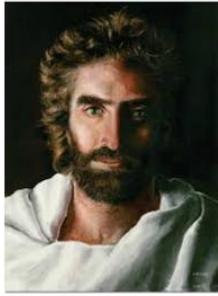
Mat 24:30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 And he will send out his angels **with a loud trumpet call**, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

What's important for us to understand is that during the first fall feast day of Yom Teruah, (also known as The Day of Trumpets) the moon will hang darken the sky and will not give its light. But... During the celebration of Sukkot... a full moon will be giving off the brightest light that it possibly can, signifying the light that will once again enter into the world to Tabernacle with his people.

During the day of atonement, the world will be judged for its iniquities, and the sheep will be separated from the goats.

SHOW WORLD JUDGED PIC 3



Yahshua Judges The World is Judged

Mat 25:31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

Mat 25:32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

SHOW PIC 4



Yahshua Tabernacles with His People

Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

There are three times a year... that all the males of the house of Israel are to appear before our Father in Heaven. Let's read that in Deuteronomy 16:16:

Deu 16:16 “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

Deu 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

The reason for the Feast of Sukkot is to remember the Israelite’s when they came out of Egypt, and each person was to dwell in what is called a sukkah... which is kind of like a tent structure for 7 days. Let’s turn to Leviticus 23:42-43

Lev 23:42 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths,

Lev 23:43 that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

And so, it is that many Christians will spend these seven days camping in lean-to’s, or in tents during this time to remember the commandment of our Father that he gave to us to remember and commemorate the day that he rescued our people out from under the hand of Pharaoh in Egypt. Many people call this the Exodus, in fact there is a book written about it in your Bible (for those of you who didn’t know).

What’s even more astonishing is the fact that there is going to be a greater Exodus. Greater than the days of Moses when he brought the Israelites out of Egypt. Our Father in heaven clearly tells us that this next greater Exodus will be so much greater in size and in scope, that no one will be talking about the first Exodus anymore after this second Exodus takes place. Jeremiah chapter 23 versus one through eight:

Jer 23:1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD.

Jer 23:2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD.

Jer 23:3 Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

Jer 23:4 I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

Jer 23:5 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Jer 23:6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Jer 23:7 “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’

Jer 23:8 but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

And so once again we see here in Jeremiah chapter 23 verse seven, that they will no longer be talking about the days that our Father brought our people out of Egypt, because the second Exodus is going to be so much greater than the first, when our Father once again leads all of his people out of all the nations of the earth, and back into the promise land that he promised Abraham.

And so, the feast of Sukkot is a commandment from our Father in heaven to keep not only in commemoration the Exodus when he brought his people out of Egypt... but it is also part of a much larger future celebration that will once again take place in the future when he not only brings his people out of one nation... but out of all nations.

Now... there is something else that I want to settle in this Scripture that we see before we move forward, and I don't want to get off topic here but I do know that we have an awful lot of brothers and sisters within our assembly who have a very sharp Eagle eye. And when they see something that seems out of place, they're going to question these things as they should.

And so, I want to directly point to Jeremiah chapter 23 verse six:

Jer 23:6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

When something is “called” a certain name, that does not mean that that's literally what it is. Jerusalem is also called “the Lord our Righteousness,” and Jerusalem is obviously not God, it's simply a place where he has put his name (Jer. 33:16).

Jer 33:16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

This does not mean that the land of Israel is Yahovah.

So, calling something “*the Lord our Righteousness*” does not make it God. Abraham called the mountain on which he was about to sacrifice Isaac “*Yahovah will provide,*” and no one would believe that the mountain was Yahovah. Similarly, no one would believe an altar was Yahovah, even if Moses called it Yahovah: “Moses built an altar and called it ‘*Yahovah is my Banner*’” in (Ex. 17:15). Later, Gideon also built an altar and called it ‘Yahovah is Peace.’

And so, I just want to make that clear before we move forward. Once again my friends, when we get to where we’re going, we will see the Father sitting in his throne, and we we’ll see his only begotten son sitting in his own throne at the right hand of Yahovah... Not in Yahovah’s throne, and he’s extremely clear about that.

And so, as we move forward I want to return to Jeremiah chapter 23 versus one and two for just a moment.

Jer 23:1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD.

Jer 23:2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds,” declares the LORD.

I want us to hear what our Father in heaven is telling today’s shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of his pasture. Our Father in heaven clearly tells the shepherds that he will attend to them for their evil deeds. And I want us to just think about that for just a moment.

How many shepherds are there out there right now that are scattering the sheep of our Father’s pasture? Telling them to keep the traditions and the rituals and the myths of men instead of to keep their Fathers moedim, and his appointments and his sabbaths, and his precepts, and his commandments?

Let there be no mistake about it my friends, our Father in heaven will indeed attend to the evil deeds of the shepherds.

But getting back to the feast of Sukkot, I want us to understand that this particular feast is a great celebration. It is a time to reflect on all the trials and tribulations that our Father in heaven has brought man through. It’s a time to rejoice over the fact that the seed of the woman did indeed bruise the head of the serpent. It’s a time to rejoice over the fact that our Father in heaven did indeed have an unfolding plan from the very beginning of the book of Genesis when man first fell in the garden of Eden. It’s a time to rejoice over the fact that we have all been washed in the blood of the Lamb, and are now finally able to where the white robe given to us by our Father in heaven so that we can indeed become the priests that he had always intended for us to be.

This is a celebration my friends, make no mistake about it! Take into consideration what we find in Deuteronomy 14:22-26:

Deu 14:22 “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year.

Deu 14:23 And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

Deu 14:24 And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the LORD your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God chooses, to set his name there,

Deu 14:25 then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the LORD your God chooses

Deu 14:26 and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

And so, our Father tells us to keep back a tithe, or a portion of our earnings each year... so that we can come before him and enjoy this time of gathering, and fellowship before him. It was a time that we were to go where ever our Father’s tabernacle was... or where ever he chose to make his name dwell... and we were to eat, and enjoy what we had saved up throughout the year that he had given us, and even strong drink was allowed at this feast. Once again, we are to have a great time of rejoicing and fellowship with each other where ever our Father calls us.

And I want us to understand that this feast day will also be commemorated when our Messiah returns. Zachariah chapter 14 verses 16 to 19:

Zec 14:16 Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.

Zec 14:17 And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

Let there be no mistake about it my friends we will indeed once again tabernacle with our Father in heaven just like Adam and Eve were able to walk with him through the garden... So

too will we one day very soon. Revelation chapter 21 versus one through eight

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Rev 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Rev 21:7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Rev 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

And so each and every Christian should know and understand that things will again come full circle, and our Father in Heaven will restore all things when he returns to make his Sons enemies his footstool. And once again my friends... I must be sure to point us back to Revelation 21 verse 8. Our Father in heaven, and his only begotten Son will not include the cowardly who will not stand up for his name. Nor will he include the faithless, the detestable, or murderers, or the sexually immoral, or sorcerers, and idolaters, and liars. Their portion will be in the lake of fire which comes after the 2nd resurrection... and is known as the second death.

So, as we read about this joyous time called Sukkot... please... understand... that this is a time for our Fathers people... it is not a time for those who have made themselves friends of this world.

And I'd also like to mention the fact that many different people will be keeping this particular feast day of our fathers many different ways. And I would like to remind us that there are many who still hold fast to the religion of Judaism. And I want us to clearly understand the dangers of modern-day Judaism.

Judaism commands that you dress a certain way for these fall appointments. They demand that

you fast for these fall appointments. They demand that you do certain things that we will not find written within our God breathed Scripture. And I want us to understand that our Messiah absolutely hated and detested these things.

Judaism, much like Catholicism and many of her modern-day protestant daughter churches... Have added too, and taken away from Yahovah's commandments. And just to be clear on this matter I want us to once again return to Matthew chapter 23 versus 13 through 39:

Mat 23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.

Mat 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

Mat 23:16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.'

Mat 23:17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred?

Mat 23:18 And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.'

Mat 23:19 You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

Mat 23:20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it.

Mat 23:21 And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it.

Mat 23:22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

Mat 23:24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

Mat 23:25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

Mat 23:26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

Mat 23:27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness.

Mat 23:28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Mat 23:29 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

Mat 23:30 saying, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’

Mat 23:31 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

Mat 23:32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers.

Mat 23:33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

Mat 23:34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

Mat 23:35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

Mat 23:36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Mat 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Mat 23:38 See, your house is left to you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The first thing that I want you to notice is all the little pet names that our Messiah has for these Pharisees and the scribes who are now today’s modern-day Rabbis. Notice what he calls them... Hypocrites, children of hell, blind guides, blind fools, blind men, whitewashed tombs, he said they’re full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. He calls them a brood of vipers, and he says how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

That’s a very profound statement my friends considering the fact that he even tells them that they are of their father the devil. John chapter 8 verses 39 through 47:

Joh 8:39 They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did,

Joh 8:40 but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

Joh 8:41 You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.”

Joh 8:42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

Joh 8:43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.

Joh 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Joh 8:45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

Joh 8:46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

Joh 8:47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

And so, I want to make it profoundly clear my friends that if you belong to a messianic congregation... beware, be very aware. It doesn't do us any good to jump out of the frying pan and into the fire.

And I want us to notice what our Messiah tells these Pharisees and scribes in John chapter 8 verse 47. According to our Messiah, whoever is of God... hears the words of God. The reason that the scribes and the Pharisees did not hear his words... Is because they were not of God.

So, when we jump out of the frying pan that is a mixture of Catholicism and paganism... and we decide to go jump into the arms of the Rabbis and a mixture of Christianity and Judaism... whose arms are we jumping into according to our Messiah?

According to our Messiah those who are continuing to teach a mixture of rabbinical Judaism with Christianity are not of God! They still haven't learned. Matthew chapter 23 verse eight commands them not to be called Rabbi. And yet all the while proclaiming to preach the gospel of our Messiah... they reject the gospel of our Messiah by continuing to call themselves great ones... which is what Rabbi means by the way.

My friends, if there's a direct red-letter commandment that comes directly from our Messiah, and these men are willfully and purposely breaking that red-letter commandment... how in the world then can we go running into their arms?

We've been warned over, and over, and over again by our Messiah who these Pharisees and these scribes were that taught Judaism back in his time. So why in the world would we want to mix Judaism with Christianity and the gospel of our Messiah? Is this not exactly what they were doing back in his day telling people that they had to wash their hands before they ate, or that they couldn't walk so far on the Sabbath or they were sinning, or that they couldn't pick a few grains out of the field as they were walking by without breaking their rabbinical law?

My friends I want you to understand that this is not a game. This is a spiritual warfare that we

fight. And there are rulers and authorities and cosmic powers and spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places that want nothing more than to blur the lines, and confuse the gospel message that our Messiah came to lay down his life to give us.

And so, this Sukkot, I want to simply ask you to read your Bible. Study your Scripture for yourself. Pray, and ask for the discernment to understand the Scripture properly for yourself. Why ask me or anyone else how to keep Sukkot? You should know how to keep Sukkot. He has given you his God breathed Scriptures so that you would know how to keep Sukkot. He has written his laws in your heart and in your mind... if you truly have been baptized of both the water and the spirit.

Yes, he gives teachers, yes, he gives apostles and prophets and evangelists and pastors... But these people are only called for two reasons. Number one, is to equip the Saints for the work of ministry. And number two, is to protect his people from being carried away by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, and by craftiness in deceitful schemes. That's why apostles, and profits, and evangelists, and pastors, and teachers have been called. To serve you, and to protect you. But we can't protect you if you refuse to read the book for yourself. We can't protect you if you continuously choose to follow after the wisdom of men and their man-made traditions and rituals and myths.

How do we protect ourselves from every wind of doctrine, and human cunning, and craftiness and deceitful schemes? We stop listening to men without testing the fruit of what it is that they produce. And we cross reference that fruit with the Ruach Hackodesh of Yahovah.

If we read the 23rd chapter of the book of Leviticus, we'll know how to keep the feast of Sukkot. If we pray and we ask for discernment, we will know not only what it points to in the past, but what it also points to in the very near future.

My friends it's time to turn to the right radio signal. It's time to tune into what Yahovah and his only begotten Son are trying to convey to us. It's time to spend more time in our prayer closets and in our sukka's than in front of the boob tube.

I know that there will always be people around us this feast of Tabernacles that will laugh and mock and scoff, because we choose to do what our Father in heaven has called us to do, but I'd just like to remind those of us who are under attack this season of what the apostle Paul told us in Colossians chapter 2 versus 16 and 17:

Col 2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

Col 2:17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Here we have Paul telling the Colossians not to let the Gnostics, and those who worshiped

angles and asceticism, pass judgment on them in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or our Fathers new moons, or his Sabbaths.

Paul was telling the Colossians that these are a shadow of things to come... in other words... these appointed times of food and drink, and new moons and sabbaths... and our Fathers festivals, and his calendar, are all a shadow of things to come. They all point directly to our Messiah... The substance belongs to him. And they should not be led astray and disqualified from the free salvation that our Messiah is offering them by insisting on asceticism, and the worshiping of Angels by those who are puffed up without reason by their own sensuous minds.

Paul tells the Colossians very clearly that the substance belongs to the Messiah! In verse 20 Paul asks them very clearly, he says and I quote, *“if with the Messiah you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations ... Like do not handle and do not taste and do not touch?”*

You see these are all things that the Gnostics used to believe in. They believed that if you did anything pleasurable for the body that it was a sin. The Scripture never says any such thing. The Scripture only calls us to keep the body away from things that are sinful according to the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. Partaking of the feast of Sukkot is not sinful. Even drinking strong drink at the feast of Sukkot is not sinful. As long as that strong drink doesn't cause you to sin. Not everyone who has a belt of whiskey now again to relax is a sinner, and it's important for us to remember that.

And so, I want us to be on the lookout for those who will mock us and who will scoff at us, and who will jeer at us behind our backs because we choose to gather together, and to practice, and ordained, and to consecrate our Father's commandment to keep the feast of Sukkot forever and throughout our generations.

As we celebrate this Sukkot my friends, let us do so without the bondage of either Catholicism or rabbinical Judaism tying us down in an effort to confuse us, or to steal away the hope that we have been given.

And with that being said I'd like us to read the commandment of Sukkot so that we can understand it clearly and concisely together. We can find that in Leviticus chapter 23 versus 33 through 41:

Lev 23:33 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev 23:34 “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD.

Lev 23:35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work.

Lev 23:36 For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD.

It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.

Lev 23:37 “These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD food offerings, burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day,

Lev 23:38 besides the LORD's Sabbaths and besides your gifts and besides all your vow offerings and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

Lev 23:39 “On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest.

Lev 23:40 And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

Lev 23:41 You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

I want us to understand that this feast day is to be kept on the 15th day of the seventh month, and it is for seven days. I want us to understand that on the first day... There shall be a holy convocation, or a gathering if you will. On this first day no ordinary work is to be done. It is what many of us call a “high Sabbath” which means that it is apart and separate from our Father’s seventh day Sabbath that he commands us to keep every seventh day.

On the eighth day we are to hold another holy convocation, or gathering if you will. And once again we are not to do any ordinary work. This eighth day is also known as a “high Sabbath” when no work is to be done.

If we want an example of how to keep the feast of Sukkot, all we have to do is turn to Nehemiah chapter 8 versus 14 through 18:

Neh 8:14 And they found it written in the Law that the LORD had commanded by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,

Neh 8:15 and that they should proclaim it and publish it in all their towns and in Jerusalem, “Go out to the hills and bring branches of olive, wild olive, myrtle, palm, and other leafy trees to make booths, as it is written.”

Neh 8:16 So the people went out and brought them and made booths for themselves, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.

Neh 8:17 And all the assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in the booths, for from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing.

Neh 8:18 And day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the rule.

And so, there really shouldn't be any confusion about how to keep the appointed time of Sukkot, also known as the feast of booths, or Tabernacles. You simply keep the first day and the eighth day as a high Sabbath when no work is to be done, and during these days it was important to bring in branches from the trees and to wave them before Yahovah while rejoicing. For seven days we are to eat in our Sukkah's... which is basically a lean-to.

Those of you who have horses know what a lean-to is, but it's basically just a very primitive shelter. Some people actually build their own sukka's, and some people dwell in tents, but no matter how you do it... It's still the same as dwelling in a booth, and that's what we're commanded to do for seven days in commemoration of the Israelites who came out of Egypt, and also in the acknowledgment of knowing that this particular feast day will once again be commended for all the world to keep. And once again, if you don't believe that, you need to go read Zachariah chapter 14 verses 16 through 19.

In closing, I want us all to understand that the future of Sukkot is at hand. The very promise of our Messiah written in the book of Revelation is about to come to fruition. Revelation chapter 21 versus three and four:

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

No matter whether you're going to a Sukkot gathering somewhere close to you, or whether you're just pitching a tent in your living room... It's important to do all that we can do in remembrance of the commandment of our Father in heaven who is the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

This Sukkot, draw near not only to Yahovah and his only begotten son... But to one another. Take this time to get to know your neighbor and your brother. Take this time to pray with them, and to fellowship with them, and to have the true holy convocation that our father once you have.

Take the time to reflect on all that he has done for you throughout your lifetime, and all that he has promised to do for you in your future. Don't get tied down with traditions, and rituals and myths. Relax, read your Bible, and bask in the awesome power of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

Because when it comes right down to it and all has been heard. My prayer is that you will Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.